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This course will examine the feminist critique of the problems of consciousness and sexual objectification in the light of the theological aspirations of wisdom, love and compassion. We will try to contextualize this discussion by focusing on the issue of abortion.

The course material is divided into three major sections -- feminist theory, theology and abortion. I don't expect that we will have time for everyone to read all of the abortion material. I have therefore structured the course so that various students are responsible for some of that material each week and each student is responsible for using some of that material in his or her paper.

I. FEMINIST THEORY

A. Secular Feminists

1. Catharine MacKinnon, Feminism, Marxism, Method, and the State

2. Id., Afterword in Feminism Unmodified

3. Andre Lorde, Uses of the Erotic as Power in Sister Outsider

4. Adrienne Rich, Compulsory Heterosexuality and Lesbian Existence

5. Robin West, The Feminist-Conservative Anti-Pornography Alliance and the 1986 Attorney General's Commission on Pornography Report

6. Id., Jurisprudence and Gender

7. Adrienne Rich, Of Women Born (excerpts)

8. Celia Kitzinger, The Social Construction of Lesbianism (excerpts)

9. Nel Noddings, Caring (excerpts)

B. Religious Feminists

1. Catherine Keller, From a Broken Web (excerpts)

2. Id., Feminism & the Feminist Inseparability in Women's Consciousness, Women's Conscience

3. Introduction in Women's Consciousness, Women's Conscience

4. Carol Robb, A Framework for Feminist Ethics in Women's Consciousness, Women's Conscience

5. Andreas Teuber, Simone Weil: Equality as Compassion

6. Anne Klein, Gain or Drain? Buddhist & Feminist Views on Compassion

7. Rita Gross, Feminism from the Perspective of Buddhist Practice

8. Sonia Johnson, Going Out of Our Minds (excerpts)

II. **THEOLOGIANS**

A. Background Material on Buddhism

1. Carmody & Carmody, Eastern Ways to the Center (excerpts)

B. Dialogue & Meditation

1. Leonard Swidler, Toward a Universal Theology of Religion? & Toward a Universal Theology of Religion

2. Id., Interreligious & Interideological Dialogue in Toward a Universal Theology of Religion

3. Wilfred Smith, Theology and the World's Religious History in Id.

4. Raimando Panikkar, The Invisible Harmony in Id.

5. Shunryu Suzuki, Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind (excerpts)

6. Thomas Merton, New Seeds of Contemplation (excerpts)

7. Id., Zen & the Art of Consciousness (excerpts)

C. Love & Compassion

1. Willard Gaylin & Ethel Person, Passionate Attachments (excerpts)

2. James Nelson, Reuniting Sexuality & Spirituality

3. Dick Westley, Morality & Its Beyond (excerpts)

4. Irving Singer, The Nature of Love, vol. 3 (excerpts)

5. Martin Buber, I and Thou (excerpts)

III. **ABORTION**

A. The Experience

1. Ellen Masser & Kathryn May, The Bad Old Days

2. Anne Catherine Spackhard, The Psycho-Social Aspects of Stress Following Abortion (excerpts)

3. Carol Gilligan, In a Different Voice (excerpts)

4. David Reardon, Aborted Women (excerpts)

B. The Dialogue

1. Daniel Callahan, The Abortion Debate in Abortion: Understanding Differences

2. Kristen Lukker, Abortion and the Meaning of Life in Id.

3. Joan Callahan, The Fetus & Fundamental Rights

4. Jean Bethke Elshtain, Reflections on Abortion, Values & the Family in Abortion: Understanding Differences

5. Jonathan Glover, Matters of Life & Death

6. Steven Ross, Abortion and the Death of the Fetus in Moral Issues

7. Michael Tooley, In Defense of Abortion & Infanticide in Id.

8. Lisa Sowle Cahill, Abortion, Autonomy & Community in Abortion: Understanding Differences

9. Christine Gudorf, To Make a Seamless Garment: Use a Single Piece of Cloth

10. Stanley Hauerwas, Abortion: Once Again in New Perspectives on Human Abortion

11. Essays from Sojourners

12. Sidney Callahan, Abortion & the Sexual Agenda

13. Beverly Wildung, Harrison, Theology of Pro-Choice in Abortion: The Moral Issues

14. Ellen Willis, Putting Women Back into the Abortion Debate

15. Essays from Christianity & Crisis

16. Joseph Boyle, That the Fetus Should be Considered a Legal Person

17. Mark Tushnet & Louis Seidman, A Comment on Tooley's Abortion and Infanticide

18. John Finnis, Three Schemes of Regulation in the Morality of Abortion

19. Vincent Genovesi, Challenging the Legal Status of Abortion

20. Mary Segers, Abortion Politics & Policy in Comprehensive Theological Perspectives on Abortion

21. Alan Zaitchik, Viability and the Morality of Abortions

22. Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Some Thoughts on Autonomy & Equality in Relation to Roe v. Wade

23. Randall Lake, The Metaethical Framework of Anti-Abortion Rhetoric